

**Monthly Progress Report**  
**HDR | Decision Economics**

**Montana DOT**

**Impact of Canadian Economic Development on Northern Montana Highways**

<b>Progress Report #:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Report Accounting Period:</b>	<b>December 2008</b>
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**Accomplishments This Month:** HDR accomplished the following activities:

- Coordinated and reviewed initial data collection efforts by MDT for this research study.
- Updated the project schedule and set up a detailed work plan.
- Initiated a Project Guide and project filing system.
- Conducted an internal HDR Kick-off meeting on December 28 to review the scope of work, schedule, and assign tasks and roles by staff.
- Initiated a list of literature review references and data sources.
- Initiated work on the Task 1 literature review section.

**Activities Planned Next Month:** The following activities are planned:

- Complete a draft comprehensive list of references and resources for the literature review and data collection efforts.
- Complete a draft of the literature review.
- Initiate data collection and analysis for existing conditions of highways and ports.
- Collect data for the economic trends (Task 3) and begin to formulate the forecasting methodology.
- Prepare for the February 11 kick-off meeting in Helena.

**Problems Encountered/Anticipated:** No problems were encountered or are anticipated.